

Dear Js,

Got up before daylight for some catching up. With reception bad from Chicago, can't even get any news. That is, newsy news. In half hour, no word on WG developments. You are lucky with your good local news service by radio. I've got a Wisconsin station now. Even clear-channel New York stations poor reception. Must be something going on in the Kennelly-Heaviside layer. So, the last I heard is what I hear before going to bed, that it was GL's desire that there be a non-FBI investigation of Ellsberg's psychiatric record, that Honorable (also Holy) Man ordered it, but that he didn't want, didn't order, and said never again on the breakin. (I've now got a rerun of a yesterday's or last night's commentary from an unknown station.) Of course, Hunt and Liddy could do what the FBI could not! Or would not? Hard to think of anything except breaking in. Or how they could have known except from FBI reports they should not have had. Johnson's fetish of reading FBI reports on the personal lives of others was cleaner and healthier. Imagine GL having an interest in such trivia when he was so busy putting the world together again, as he himself told us night before last. I repeat, my errors are in underestimating these guys. I call them sick and arrogant and this falls short.

Last night I enclosed a copy of the report JER finally gave Lesar after all my leaning. I think you'll remember the background. I kept leaning on Jerry and have an admission from him that he knows about all of this, easy to get because James probably told him that he told. I got Jerry to go see Larry and Larry got from him admission that James gave him all he has to know if anything happens to him. I'll see Larry tomorrow. Despite Jerry's having told him that he would not tell me now, I asked Larry to get in touch with him and try to explain urgency without knowing what it is. I'll tell Larry tomorrow. If I were alone in this I'd write Jerry about how stupid he was with Schoolfield, who is a friend of the guy on whom they are squealing. This is getting hairy. What I'd like from you is an opinion on credibility, honesty, etc. Because of his ego needs and the whole strange structure he created, Bud saw Hoffa without me. Neither he nor Lesar, who knew more, knew enough, so they learned only what Hoffa volunteered. They didn't even know enough about names to eliminate confusions, as with Red Strate, if I spell it correctly. The Gervais-O'Hara thing. Hoffa had him confused with another. I keep telling myself that I'll bug out, but I can't. Meanwhile, if James gets into the general population he has a better chance of getting killed now and if he doesn't he'll go crazy. His deterioration is marked...I never could get Bud or Jim to go through my Schoolfield file, but as soon as I learned about him (and I pressured it out of James) I started a check. My files on him now go back to the 50s. If I'd been able to see James with any regularity I'd have everything now. He tells them things only because I pressure him by mail and indirectly.

I don't have to urge that you be close with this because you always are. My crime-writer friend, generally very circumspect, told Aaron John everything but my name and what I suspect about Partin and did the same thing with an IRS agent. Meanwhile, I've learned that James had more Louisiana experience than he admitted, parts of which you've seen from Rife. I got more from Jerry. Rife was to have been switched to State custody Monday. There was a riot in that prison, so I don't know if he has been shifted. He will be more accessible to Larry after the move, and Larry plans to see him for a story on his own case, which is newsworthy. I may be able to offer him some kind of deal involving IRS and I have to learn if he'll consider. He has gotten this honest after I put him in touch with Larry; he has given Larry his own rap sheet. So Larry knows his criminal record. He described himself to me as an habitual criminal. He and John both know things about James that James has held back and both told me some of it. This business of leaning is tricky. But the greatest failing is never to do it, the Bud approach.

I'll be copying a Canadian news story received from Ed Williams without identification on Executive Action. Ed mailed it in the envelope of a Toronto hotel, so presume Toronto paper.

Je's 4/26 note with several of mine on what Howard has sent pasted on: he did not send NYT 4/16 The Brothers Nixon, by Wallace Turner, and if making a copy is no big deal I'd like to have it. Your presumption that Howard gets a different edition is probably correct. Phila is about 2 hours from NYC and the last edition getting there is no trick at all. You and we get the first. (When it gets here!) When I get near it now I actually have to think of the 15¢. Wills' Bremer review sent or in large envelope going this a.m. Your attached list 4/19,20: have, thanks.

I don't see how anything but dismissal can be ahead in Ellsberg case, how Byrne can now be considered for anything but retirement. We get a unique picture of the real GL in this insane episode.

I have the Asinof/Turner/Hinkle book. Ed got and sent an advance copy. I'll read it going to and from New York next week. I'll be going by bus, which is longer-very long if I don't make connections - and will have reading time. Saves enough money for me to consider nothing else now. I also started the Sheridan book on Hoffa. Far as I've gone, about a fifth of the long thing, it is little more than a rehash of the McClellan hearings with a few "Is" injected.

WG is a flood. By getting up earlier, as I have this a.m., I can get to read.

...Lawyer sees no escape from statute of limitations government defense in our suit for damages from helicopter. Imagine the Edward Bennett Williams firm permitting that to happen! He has agreed to write Williams a polite letter. We had this case won through what I had done, too. In the course of going over the material we got through discovery, which I finally pressured lawyer to do, I discovered that they held most of it out and that the Air Force has a special file on me, separate from this aviation stuff. I have gotten him to agree to ask for it (I gave him the identification) and any others like it. There is a blank (to me) number between that of the regular file and this one, so I think there is a chance it relates to me. Land of the free!

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